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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
ECONOMIC DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

2:00 p.m., Friday, September 27, 1957
Room 913 District National Building

Attendance:

MDAC

Mr. Hale, Chairman
Mr. Kramer, Executive Secretary
Mrs. Lese, Committee Secretary

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Mr. [REDACTED]

Commerce

Mr. George

Defense

Mr. Van Sant

ICA

Mr. Slaght

State

Mr. Wright

Treasury

Mr. Pollak

Agenda:

1. Discussion of (Commerce member's) paper on Work Program for Paragraph 9.

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Decision

The Executive Committee agreed that an Ad Hoc Subcommittee should be set up with Mr. George, Commerce, as Chairman, to review, against current criteria as interpreted by the United States, all items now controlled on the international lists, or which have been controlled, and any other new items which would now fall under the criteria. The Group shall compile two new lists, one containing items agreed to meet current criteria. If disagreement arises as to whether a particular item falls under the current U. S. reading of the criteria, or some other criteria, that item should be separately listed with an explanation of the criterion or reason for its control set forth by the proponents.

The State member hoped that in the work of the Subcommittee full account would be taken of the whole content of Paragraph 9, including that part which relates to changes in the vulnerabilities within the Sino-Soviet bloc as a whole and within its individual members.

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee will submit its report by categories as they are completed.

Discussion

The members discussed the possible courses of action to be pursued at this time and felt that rather than doing a partial review of the items now, it was more desirable to set up an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to do a complete list review for the purpose of getting controversial issues documented for EDAC. The report of the Subcommittee will be sent to the Working Group I for comments prior to Executive Committee discussion. The Chairman suggested this study to enable the Executive Committee to obtain a clear and presentable understanding of the U. S. interpretation of current criteria and any new proposals which required EDAC judgment. He outlined the work to be undertaken by the Subcommittee as set forth in Decision, above.

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